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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MILITARY MISSIONS IN WEST BERLIN

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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF SWISS DECISION TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THEIR MISSION IN WEST BERLIN AT TRIPARTITE AND QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS RECENTLY HAS RESULTED IN AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE ALLIES ON THE OUTLINES OF A POSITION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORITIES FOR USE IN REPLY TO POSSIBLE QUERIES BY COUNTRIES NOW MAINTAINING MILITARY MISSIONS IN THE CITY.
END SUMMARY.

1. DURING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT AT THE BONN GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 27, THE FONOFF REP (BLECH) SAID THAT MAIN GERMAN INTEREST WAS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATION IN WEST BERLIN OR EVEN TO SEE IT INCREASED, IF POSSIBLE. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD REASONS ALLIED AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE FOR NOT WISHING TO
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SEE A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE MILITARY MISSIONS NOW LOCATED IN THE CITY, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT WISH TO PROTEST IF A THIRD COUNTRY DECIDED, AS HAD THE SWISS, TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF ITS REPRESENTATION.

2. AT A TRIPARTITE MEETING ON APRIL 3, ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE THREE POWERS WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE FRG. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE CITY OF MILITARY MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE COMMANDANTS ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED IN THE EARLY POST- WAR YEARS WAS A VALUABLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SPECIAL STATUS FOR ALL OF BERLIN. IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO AUTHORITIES THAT ANY GOVERNMENT INDICATING THAT IT PLANNED TO ALTER THE STATUS OF ITS MILITARY MISSION TO THAT OF A CONSULATE GENERAL BE DISCOURAGED FROM DOING SO. SINCE THE PRESENT MISSIONS ARE DEPENDENT FOR THEIR EXISTENCE ON APPROVAL OF THE COMMANDANTS, ALLIED REPS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THE COMMANDANTS COULD PROHIBIT A CHANGE IN STATUS. IT WAS, HOWEVER, CONCEDED THAT IF A COUNTRY WANTED TO CLOSE ITS PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT AND USE EXISTING PROCEDURES GOVERNING ACCREDITATION OF CONSULS TO NAME AN ENTIRELY NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO WEST BERLIN, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE TO BE GAINED IN BLOCKING THE MANEUVER.

3. THE UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THE THREE POWERS SHOULD NOT BE TOO INFLEXIBLE IN MEETING POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR A CHANGE IN STATUS. SHARING THE FRG VIEW THAT IT WAS THE LEVEL AND NOT THE STATUS OF REPRESENTATION IN WEST BERLIN WHICH WAS IMPORTANT, THE BRITISH BELIEVED THAT COUNTRIES PRESENTLY MAINTAINING MILITARY MISSIONS SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED SO FAR THAT THEY MIGHT DECIDE TO LEAVE BERLIN ALTOGETHER. THE US AND FRENCH REPS AGREED THAT CERTAIN CARE MUST BE EXERCISED, BUT ARGUED THAT A GOOD DEAL OF EFFORT SHOULD BE EXPENDED TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES. THEIR ARGUMENT WAS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT THERE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE AS LITTLE CHANGE AS POSSIBLE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN WEST BERLIN. FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THEY THOUGHT THAT ANY

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